THE HONORABLE THOMAS S. ZILLY 1 2 3 4 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 5 FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON 6 7 BUNGIE, INC., a Delaware corporation, Cause No. 2:21-cv-0811 TSZ 8 **Plaintiff DEFENDANTS' MOTION TO** 9 EXTEND DISCOVERY 10 **CUTOFF AND DISCOVERY** v. MOTION DATES AIMJUNKIES.COM, a business of unknown 11 classification; PHOENIX DIGITAL GROUP **Note on Motion Calendar:** 12 LLC, an Arizona limited liability company; March 3, 2023 JEFFREY CONWAY, an individual; DAVID 13 SCHAEFER, an individual; JORDAN GREEN, an individual; and JAMES MAY, an individual, 14 Defendants. 15 16 For reasons stated herein, Defendants, by and through their undersigned counsel, 17 respectfully request that the date for concluding discovery in this matter, currently set for 18 April 21, 2023, and the date for filing discovery motions, currently set for March 13, 2023, be 19 extended to June 23, 2023 and May 25, 2023, respectively. 20 Defendants further request that all further discovery in this case be limited to matters 21 reasonably related to Defendants' Amended Counterclaims. 22 These requests are made in light of the following: 23 1. This Court's February 14, 2023 Minute Order (Dkt#86) resetting the trial and 24 other dates requires that any discovery motions be filed by March 13, 2023, and that 25 discovery be completed by April 21, 2023. 26 27 28

- 2. Plaintiff Bungie's Motion to Dismiss Defendants' Amended Counterclaims (Dkt#74) was not decided until February 3, 2023 (Dkt#84), and it was only upon this date that both Bungie and Defendants first learned that some of Defendants' counterclaims would proceed.
- 3. To date, Bungie has resisted Defendants' efforts to obtain discovery related to issues other than the copyright infringement and trademark infringement claims alleged in Bungie's Amended Complaint (Dkt#34). In addition, Bungie's Motion to Dismiss Defendants' Amended Counterclaims (Dkt#74) itself makes several factual allegations that this Court itself noted would likely be addressed during a motion for summary judgment. Defendant's have not had an opportunity to conduct discovery into these factual allegations recently made by Bungie.
- 4. The current discovery schedule makes it impossible for Defendants to conduct the discovery needed properly to develop and present their counterclaims. For example, even if Defendants were to have served all discovery requests the very day this Court issued its February 14, 2023 Minute Order (Dkt#86), the deadline for filing discovery motions (i.e., March 13, 2023) would have passed before Bungie would even need to respond to them. By simply ignoring the requests, Bungie could thus avoid all discovery and Defendants would have no opportunity to seek help from this Court.
- 5. Defendants propose and request that further discovery in this case be limited solely to matters reasonably related to the counterclaims (Indeed, Bungie has already completed "scorched earth" discovery of Defendants on the other matters), and that the deadline for completing such discovery be extended to June 23, 2023. In addition, Defendants propose and request that the deadline for filing discovery motions be extended to May 25, 2023. Such extension will permit both parties to complete discovery into the counterclaims in a reasonable and orderly manner and will permit sufficient time to enlist the assistance of this Court should such be necessary.
- 6. The remaining dates, with the possible exception of summary judgment motions can largely be kept in place, as trial is not scheduled until December 4, 2023. Nor should the deadlines for completing settlement discussions and mediation be affected as, by

now, all parties largely know their respective positions and further delay is unlikely to change their settlement thoughts.

For all the foregoing reasons, Defendants respectfully request that deadlines for filing discovery motions and completing discovery into the counterclaims be extended to May 25, 2023 and June 23, 2023 respectively.

Such action by this Court is respectfully requested.

## **CERTIFICATION UNDER RULE 26(C)(1)**

On February 14, 2023, Plaintiff's counsel, Mr. Christian W. Marcello and I exchanged a series of emails regarding the issues raised in this motion, and in particular Defendants' intent to seek an extension of the discovery motion and cutoff dates to and including May 25, 2023 and June 23, 2023 respectively, but despite good faith efforts could not reach agreement. Undersigned counsel offered to speak by telephone regarding these issues but Mr. Marcello indicated such would not be necessary, and that Bungie would not accuse Defendants of having failed to comply with Rule 26(C)(1).

Dated February 16, 2023.

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